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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, and
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 bill, I respectfully request that you include \$2,400,000 for the City of Arlington to build a much-needed safe pedestrian and bike path along a busy Washington state highway through the SR-531 Trail project. The intended recipient is the City of Arlington, located at 154 West Cox Ave, Arlington, Washington 98223.

This project will increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by providing a non-motorized pathway for Arlington citizens to get to work and shopping. This section of SR-531 is a heavily traveled (16,000 vehicles per day), two lane rural roadway. Large sections of this roadway have no sidewalks, forcing pedestrians and bicyclists to walk in the roadway or on the roadway shoulder making it very dangerous for both pedestrians and bicyclists. This new trail segment will provide non-motorized access.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress